

MONDAY, JANUARY 08, 2007
9:30 A.M. COMMISSION MEETING
COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Madam Chairman Peggy Beltrone, Commissioners Joe Briggs, and Lance Olson. Clayton M. Braden, Luelle Vogel, Steve Erwin, Lara Tait, Cynthia Schult, Jeff Mangan, Dave Sutton, Brain Clifton, Theresa Diekhans, Dave Campbell, Ben Ives, Rina Ft Moore and Marie Sickels.

CALL TO ORDER

Madam Chairman Peggy Beltrone called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

FORMAL DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

Madam Chairman Beltrone made a **MOTION** to appoint Commissioner Lance Olson as Chairman of County Commissioners commencing immediately. Commissioner Briggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

READING OF THE CALENDAR

Jackie O'Fallon read the calendar.

PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

Commissioner Olson made a **MOTION** to approve the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. The Board of County Commissioners has approved the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #151898 through #152311 totaling \$785,149.65 dated 12-15-06 thru 12-27-06.

Commissioner Beltrone seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Briggs to approve the consent agenda; minutes, minute entries, and approval of routine contracts as follows:

- ◆ **Resolution 07-01 Budget Modification w/ County Attorney Department for Office Furniture and Computer.**
- ◆ **Resolution 07-02 Budget Appropriation w/ Health Department in the Amount of \$26,039 for WIC Breastfeeding.**
- ◆ **Resolution 07-03 Budget Appropriation w/Health Department in the Amount of \$30,000 for Safe Kids Safe Communities Contract.**
- ◆ **Resolution 07-04 Adopting Regular Commission Meeting Schedule.**
- ◆ **HIV Prevention Services Agreement in amount \$27,343 to assist in prevention of the spread of virus.**
- ◆ **Memorandum of Understanding w/ Health Department & Retired Senior Volunteer Program to establish responsibilities w/RSVP volunteers while working in the City County Health Department.**

- ◆ **Appointment to the Cascade County Tax Appeal Board for a Three Year Term.**
- ◆ **Two (2) appointments to the Great Falls International Airport Authority Board for a Three Year Term.**

Commissioner Briggs pulled the last two agenda items from the consent agenda for discussion and separate motions to include the names of members appointed to each board.

Chairman Olson stated that Resolution 07-04 Adopting Regular Commission Meeting Schedule would remain the same as before with Commission meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9: 30 a.m. and special evening meetings as needed.

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to appoint Art Dickhoff to the Tax Appeal Board.

Commissioner Beltrone publicly recognized Nick Lazanas for his years of service on this board stated he has been very appreciated, and valued. Chairman Olson echoed. Jess Anderson County Treasurer also commended Nick Lazanas and stated he always stood up for the taxpayers' rights.

Motion Carries 2-1 Briggs Beltrone For/ Olson Against

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to appoint Ed Buttrey and Susan Humble to the Airport Authority Board. Commissioner Briggs thanked all whom applied stating they had 33 applicants, which were all qualified.

Motion Carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

FIRST READING & APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF DISTRICT ORDINANCE 07-01 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT FOR INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to read and adopt the Manchester Exit Industrial Park Tax Increment Financing District Ordinance No. 07-01.

Brian Clifton Cascade County Senior Planner, read the background as found in the agenda packet. He then requested the Commission to waive the public reading of Ordinance 07-01.

Chairman Olson waived the reading of the Ordinance.

Chairman Olson then opened the meeting to public discussion.

Clayton Braden approached the Commission stating that this tax increment is fine. Which means these people developing that lot their taxes will be used for the development of their roadways and infrastructure in that area. Mr. Braden then questioned the 15-year time frame, which most of these pay off in about 5 years.

He then questioned if this would prevent the rest of the people in Cascade County that are taxpayers from receiving the benefits of any extra taxes. Chairman Olson stated that as soon as the improvements are paid for the increment goes, with no definite time limit. Mr. Braden stated that he objects to the time limit.

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 07-05 DESIGNATION OF COUNTY CLASSIFICATION

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 07-05 and the order establishing Cascade County as a First Class County in the State of Montana.

Deputy County Attorney Theresa Diekhans gave the background as found in the agenda packet.

Motion carries 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Beltrone mentioned she was concerned with an environmental issue and would try to contact Colonel Finan to set up a special meeting. She also gave an update on Get Fit Great Falls stating that they had over 70 people registered for an upcoming snowshoe hike at Showdown Ski Resort. For more information on upcoming events she encouraged people to log onto www.getfitgreatfalls.com.

Commissioner Briggs encouraged the public to attend the Forward Great Falls Presentation, which is a new version of the economic outlook seminars. These will be held at the Heritage Inn on January 9, 2007 at 8:30 and is free to the public.

Jess Anderson County Treasurer gave an update of the property tax collection for last fall stating that they had a 5% delinquency rate, with nearly 37 million paid in taxes. There was also discussion about protest bills, protested tax buyouts, and upcoming legislative issues. He also stated he would inform the Commission of any upcoming issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clay Braden had some concerns about county roads located at 27th Street NW and 4th Avenue NW, and the plowing of graveled roads. In addition he reminded the Commission of the Decay Ordinance and that humans should be exempt, due to the fact they are decaying and they could be fined for breaking the ordinance. Some discussion on decaying followed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

